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21 September 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Security (P&M)

FROM:

Chief, Special Security Center

SUBJECT: HPSCI Request to DOD for Authority to
Courier Classified Material

1. Attached for your information is a copy of a letter dated 7 September 1979 from Congressman Boland, Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI), to the Secretary of Defense which requested Secretary Brown to authorize eight Committee staff members to act as couriers to carry classified material, ostensibly between DOD buildings and Capitol Hill.

2. The letter was furnished, for information, by [redacted] who further advised that the DIA reply to the letter (now in draft) would accede to the request insofar as it pertained to DOD originated collateral classified material, but would note that the DCI had security cognizance for all SCI accesses and procedures for the Congress. The DIA reply will further note that any permission to allow Congressional staffers to courier SCI material should be directed to the DCI.

3. You may wish to bring this matter to the attention of the Legislative Counsel as a possible Congressional request in the future.

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